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Classified By: Political Counselor Jeff Rathke for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Post raised reftel request with the German Foreign Office October 19. The Western Balkans office agreed with U.S. points on the importance of avoiding any parallel election effort in Serb portions of Kosovo. Germany supports a coordinated approach by Contact Group embassies in Belgrade that targets the Serbian Government at a senior level. While the Foreign Office was not certain that Prime Minister Kostunica would agree to receive such a delegation, they believed he would be the appropriate focus. Belgrade was the key; Germany agreed as well that joint action by Contact Group representatives in Pristina could be useful.

12. (C) Germany will await further coordination on the ground with Embassy Belgrade and USOFFICE Pristina.

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